

Reston Youth Athlete Association or a member of the Reston Rail Scope of Work, he has given his all to ensure success. Along with his work as office manager of the Long & Foster Wiehle Avenue Office, Michael Guthrie has wasted no time supporting many organizations in Reston. He has volunteered to serve on numerous committees and has always taken a leadership role. From spearheading the public relations campaign for the 2000 Martin Luther King Celebration, to arranging for motivational speakers for students at Langston Hughes Middle School and South Lakes High School, to creating an opportunity for realtors to donate to Reston Interfaith through a deduction on commission checks and many more, Michael has put his heart into support of all walks of life in Reston. His energy and enthusiasm for Reston has not gone unnoticed by his co-workers and fellow citizens, who are often inspired to serve along with him. Michael Guthrie has gone beyond what is expected of any citizen and continues to make a contribution to the community.

Joe and Marcia Stowers—for their continued work to improve transportation in Reston. Joe and Marcia Stowers have been involved in almost every land use and transportation projects in Reston. Through their service on the Reston Community Association Planning and Zoning Committee, Reston on Foot, Reston 2000 and more, the Stowers have shared their expertise to benefit every resident and transient, worker, bicyclist, and pedestrian. The Stowers have had a hand in countless transportation issues in Reston, including creating the Reston Transportation Committee, assisting in the formation of LINK, advocating for HOV lanes on the Dulles Toll Road, and more recently, supporting rail to Dulles. The Stowers arrived among the first settlers in Reston in 1965 and have both lived and worked—now at Sydec Inc., a transportation consulting firm—around the Lake Anne Village Center. After 30 years of community service, they have succeeded in encouraging a new generation to become active in Reston civic affairs and to play roles as emerging community leaders.

Vicky Wingert—for her steadfast effort as a community volunteer. Vicky Wingert has gone well beyond her role as Executive Vice President of Reston Association (RA) in working for a better Reston, where her personal contributions go far beyond her job related duties. She uses her talent in firm-making to maximize the visual image of Reston for residents, visitors and employers. She has volunteered her services in the production of The Difference is Reston; Reston Interfaith's 25 Anniversary celebration, a presentation that stressed the importance of its program; and Pals, the Movie, a firm created for PALS, Reston's early learning center, to assist parents in selecting a quality care facility. Vicky also volunteers for countless other programs, including the Reston Festival, Character Counts! Coalition of Reston, the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and more. Throughout her 23 years of community service, her volunteer efforts have been to the advantage of the entire community and have affected thousands. She is a strong advocate for the community and seeks to provide the leadership necessary to further implement the goals on which Reston was founded. She is a wonderful steward and acts from the conviction that Reston, on her watch, will be an extraordinary community.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the Best of Reston award winners for all of their hard work in making their community a better place to live.

BUSINESS CHECKING MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives yesterday passed H.R. 4067, the "Business Checking Modernization Act" by voice vote. As this legislation goes to the Senate and possible to a conference, I would like to urge my House colleagues who will be conferees to insist on the inclusion of two important provisions in any conference report. One key provision currently not part of this legislation is language that would allow the Federal Reserve to pay interest on "sterile reserves." The last time the House of Representatives passed similar legislation on October 9, 1998, such language was included. This language is still needed. The measure that passed yesterday will impose new costs on banks, according to the Federal Reserve, without any provision for offsetting these costs. The Federal Reserve has expressed its support for the payment of interest on sterile reserves to offset these costs, and I understand that House Banking Committee Chairman Leach has indicated that he supports the provision as well. I would urge my colleagues to include that language in any conference report prepared on this bill.

One other provision that I would urge the House conferees to retain is language providing a three-year transition period before the payment of interest on commercial checking accounts becomes effective. This transition period is shorter by half than the transition period included in the legislation adopted by the House in 1998, and yet it is still the case that banks will be required to unwind and restructure long-standing relationships with their customers. Due to the current prohibition against the payment of interest on commercial checking accounts, many banks have developed a menu of other services that they provide to their customers. These will need to be restructured. With yesterday's vote the House has already reduced the transition period available to banks from the earlier 1998 legislation. It is very important that this transition period of three years not be reduced further. I would urge the House conferees to maintain the House position of a three-year transition period in any conference report on H.R. 4067.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORTHEAST REBELS CHEERLEADERS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and pay tribute to the Northeast Rebels Cheerleaders for their efforts and contributions in the USACF National Competition held at the Charlotte Coliseum, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Northeast Rebels is a self-supported league and has four cheerleading teams, averaging approximately 300 children, from the ages of 7–15 years of age. Cheerleaders try-out for the team based on their age group, with a maximum of 20 girls per squad. Each year all four divisions of cheerleading squads compete against other county leagues in the same classification for the NBFL Cheerleading Competition. They also compete in the Broward County Fair Competition and in 1999, all four teams won 1st place in their division.

In particular I would like to recognize their accomplishments of the A&B Team in the Junior Recreation Division and the C-Team in the Youth Recreation Division at the USACF National Competition held at the Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte North Carolina on April 1 and 2. The A&B Team placed 2nd in the Junior Recreation Division and the C Team won the National Championship in the Youth Recreation Division.

To prepare for competition, the managers and coaches spend many hours making up dances, cheers, formations, stunts & choreography. They volunteer not only for community hours, but they also have the satisfaction that they have inspired and impacted the girls they coach. The admiration of the cheerleaders for their coaches, is evident in their performances.

I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding team of people and wish them continued success in their endeavors: Lori Thompson, Stacy Guy, Shannon Troyer, Amanda Nutter, Gina Mariatti, Katie Birge, Rachel Maggi, Paige Becerra, Angelina DiCandia, Melanie Dhaveloose, Stephanie Ely, Heidi Friedman, Samantha Gasperic, Melanie Gent, Joanne Maglorie, Julie McGaha, Jamie McMillan, Lauren Mitchell, Elizabeth Montero, Lexy Spellacy, and Samantha Tomaro.

NATIONAL READING PANEL SUPPORTS PHONICS

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, a parent in Indiana shared with me this touching story, "When my son was in first grade, he used to say, 'I hate school, how old do you have to be to quit.' He was so frustrated because he couldn't read. The school did not 'believe' in phonics. When my son learned the Direct Approach, he got the 'tools' he needed to read. The logical approach made sense to him. He started reading on his own instead of me reading to him. With only one year of the smart chart, in second grade, he scored 4th grade reading equivalency on the Stanford Achievement test. Pretty amazing!"

This success story could be repeated again and again if schools took the initiative this caring parent took to help her child learn to read by teaching him phonics. Unfortunately, many elementary schools do not teach phonics and more than a few teacher colleges do not teach teachers this instruction technique.

Recently, however, I became optimistic that many more schools will choose to adopt phonics. My optimism stems from the release of the National Reading Panel's report on successful reading strategies. On April 13, 2000, the Congressionally mandated National Reading Panel released its findings which support